



Using Raz-Kids for Homework Assignments

*** Keep this paper for help at home. ***

This school year we will be using a school-purchased service for some of our homework assignments. *Raz-Kids* is a web service that provides students with practice in reading. *Raz-Kids* is used during the school day and homework time. This handout will provide answers to some of the questions you might have about accessing the *Raz-Kids* web site. If you have questions about *Raz-Kids*, please contact your child's teacher. A directory is available on our school web site at <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/southeast>.



Please note!

Raz-Kids may be used at any time! If you would like your child to have extra practice with reading, please encourage your child to use *Raz-Kids*.



Instructions for Raz-Kids Homework Assignments

1. Click the link on the homework web site at <http://homework.thirdgradestars.com> or visit <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/southeast> and click on the *Raz-Kids* link.
2. Enter your teacher's username in the box and click **GO**. See information below.

Enter your teacher's username in this box.

Mrs. Cackowski cackowskirlr

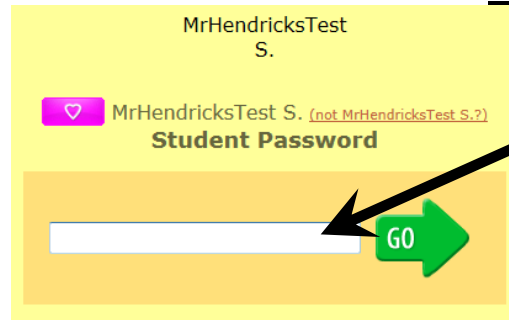
Mr. Hendricks hendricksjs

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3. Find your name. Click on the symbol above your name.

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4. Make sure that your name appears on the screen. Click in the password box and enter your password. It is normally a color and three numbers. Then click **GO**.



5. After you have logged in, you will be presented with a screen that looks similar to the one below. You may or may not have the same books as another child.



6. A group of books is available to you in this window. There are three icons below each book.



If you have speakers or headphones, you can listen to this book.

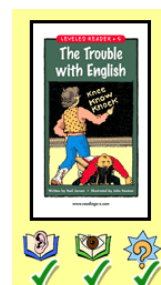
This allows you to read the book aloud to an adult or silently to yourself.

This allows you to answer questions about the book to earn points.

7. You will continue to read books until your teacher assigns a new group of books.

Parents: “Multiple reads” of a book promote reading fluency and comprehension. Children frequently think that by reading a book once, they are finished with it. Multiple reads improve reading comprehension, vocabulary acquisition, and oral fluency. Encourage your child to read aloud to you and silently if all of the assignments “have been completed.” Student activity is logged for teachers to review.

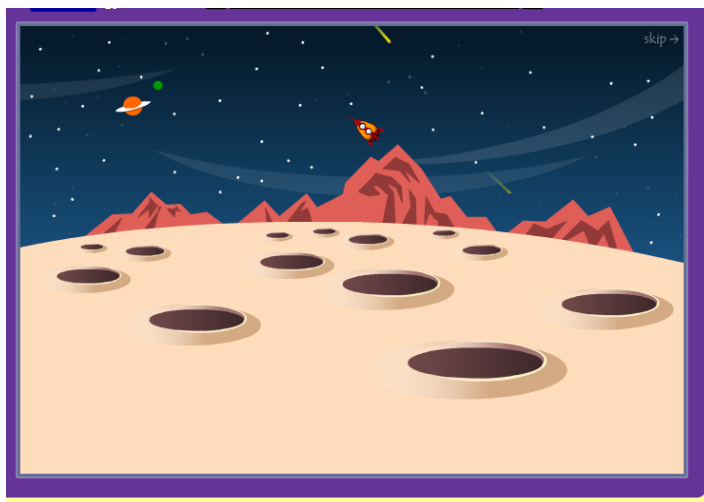
8. Completed activities will appear like this.



7. If available, the **Bookroom** tab will give access to many levels of Raz-Kids books. This feature is not normally available during the first month of implementation of Raz-Kids. When the option becomes available, it will be announced to students and through the homework planner.



8. The **Raz Rocket** tab is an incentive program for students using the system. As students read, they earn points for listening to a book, reading a book aloud or silently, and answering questions on a book. Students can earn points for multiple reads. Once students have earned enough points, they can trade points for objects to put into their rocket.



9. Student activity is monitored in two ways:
- Students recording the information on their homework planners.
 - Teachers checking that information against the *Raz-Kids* management system.
10. If you or your child has any questions about *Raz-Kids*, please contact your child's teacher by email or by note.